

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2010 TRAFFIC DIVISION REPORT

In 2010, the Police Department investigated 1,226 automobile crashes, which was an increase of 31 (3%) over the number of crashes investigated in 2009. The majority of this increase was a result of weather related crashes in December in which the department investigated 34 more crashes than in December of 2009. In the total number of crashes for the year, property damage crashes increased by 36 (6%) and personal injury crashes increased by 6 (4%) over what was reported in 2009. The department did not investigate any fatal crashes during the year.

The department participated in the Operation Pull Over Awareness Program which is funded by the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving. During the year, officers worked 772 hours of extra patrol which was funded by the Governor's Council. While working these hours officers made 640 traffic contacts, which resulted in 64 arrests for Operating While Intoxicated. The department as a whole made 213 arrests for Operating While Intoxicated during the year which, was an increase of 41 (24%) from the previous year. The department conducted two sobriety check points during the year that included officers from other departments in the area.

During the year the department continued to monitor and enforce traffic violations in the schools zones. Officers made 1,038 traffic contacts in the school zones during the school year. The department also worked jointly with Purdue University Police Department and conducted two education and enforcement blitzes focusing on crosswalk violations and pedestrian safety. The two departments also conducted an educational effort on bicycle safety and awareness of bicycle laws.

In 2011 we will continue to maintain high visibility in our designated school zones to ensure the safety of the children traveling to and from school. Pedestrian and bicycle safety will be a focus during the year as we continue to emphasize education and awareness of the issue. We will respond to citizen's concerns with focused enforcement in problem areas to improve traffic safety for the citizens of the community.

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Leroux

Captain of Operations

2010 Grant Activity

OPO Grant:

470 total hours worked

DUI Grant:

167.5 total hours worked

Aggressive Driving: 134.5 total hours worked

TOTAL HOURS WORKED: 772

OPO GRANT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued:

210

Arrests: 47 (38 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic: 419

DUI GRANT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued:

Arrests: 23 (19 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic: 84

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued:

22

Arrests: 9 (7 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic: 137

WLPD conducted two sobriety check point during the year.

Total DUI arrests for WLPD during 2010:

213

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT DIVISION YEAR END REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2010

CRASH COMPARISON FOR 2009 & 2010 (Year to Date Figures)

	2009	2010	UP	DOWN	%
TOTAL	1195	1226	31		3%
PD UNDER 1,000.00	223	239	16		7%
PROPERTY DAMAGE	642	678	36		6%
PERSONAL INJURY	148	154	6		4%
PERSONS INJURED	176	193	17		10%
FATALITY	1	0		1	100%
PERSONS KILLED	1	0		1	100%
ALCOHOL RELATED	33	43	10		30%

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN'S ACTIVITIES:

Maintained city signs and signals as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Leroux
Captain/Traffic Commander